

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2006 - 17

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana presently operates a statewide analog wireless communication system which was installed in 1996 for voice communication and is presently used by approximately seventy (70) agencies with ten thousand (10,000) subscribed users;

WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, interoperability of voice, data, and imagery communications with emergency service agencies is of paramount importance, and the current communication system expansion is severely limited;

WHEREAS, the necessity of reliable communications and interoperability for first responders was demonstrated in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the state of Louisiana will best be served by a statewide interoperable communication system executive committee which shall develop an inter-disciplinary approach among all levels of government to provide reliable communications for the entire emergency response community within the state;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Statewide Interoperable Communication System Executive Committee (hereafter "Committee") is hereby established within the executive department, Office of the Governor.

SECTION 2: The duties of the Committee shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Design, construct, administer, and maintain a statewide shared communication system with capacity to transport voice, data, and imagery within the system;
- B. Develop and approve system design, system testing, and implementation plan;
- C. Establish policies and secure funds for the system operation, administration, and maintenance;
- D. Establish policies for acquisition, allocation, and management of system resources and future use of the voice, data, and imagery capabilities;
- E. Establish policies for system admission and use of the voice, data, and imagery capabilities; and
- F. Enter into legal contracts consistent with the purposes of this Order.

SECTION 3: The Committee shall also establish subcommittees to advise the Committee on specific issues. The Committee shall review the recommendations of the subcommittees.

SECTION 4: The Committee shall submit a written comprehensive report to the governor, by March 1 of each year, which addresses the issues set forth in Section 2 of this Order.

SECTION 5:

- A. Each Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Region shall establish an interoperable communication working group composed of the following members:
 - 1. The director of each Office of Emergency Preparedness Parish Office, or the director’s designee;
 - 2. The sheriff of each parish throughout the state of Louisiana, or the sheriff’s designee;
 - 3. One (1) chief of police representing each parish of the state of Louisiana selected by the chiefs of police within each parish;
 - 4. One (1) fire chief representing each parish of the state of Louisiana selected by the fire chiefs within each municipality within each parish;
 - 5. One (1) emergency medical services director selected by the Emergency Medical Services Directors within each parish;
 - 6. One (1) state police troop commander, or troop commander’s designee.
- B. Each of the nine regional working groups shall assign one member to represent the region on the Committee on a discipline rotation as follows:

	<u>DISCIPLINE BY YEAR</u>			
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
1	L. E.	Fire	L. E.	EMS
2	L. E.	EMS	L. E.	Fire
3	Fire	L. E.	EMS	L.E.
4	EMS	L. E.	Fire	L.E.
5	L. E.	Fire	L. E.	EMS
6	L. E.	EMS	L. E.	Fire
7	Fire	L. E.	EMS	L.E.
8	EMS	L. E.	Fire	L.E.
9	L. E.	Fire	L. E.	EMS

SECTION 6:

- The Committee shall be composed of twenty-seven (27) members, selected as follows:
 - A. The commissioner of the Division of Administration, or the commissioner’s designee;
 - B. The director of the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, or the director’s designee;
 - C. The adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard, or the adjutant general’s designee;
 - D. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Corrections Services, or the secretary’s designee;
 - E. The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, or the secretary’s designee;
 - F. The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, or the secretary’s designee;

- G. The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, or the secretary's designee;
- H. The deputy secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services, or the deputy secretary's designee;
- I. The executive secretary of the Louisiana Public Service Commission, or the executive secretary's designee;
- J. The president of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association, or the president's designee;
- K. The president of the Police Chiefs Association, or the president's designee;
- L. The president of the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association, or the president's designee;
- M. The chair of the Regional Parish Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Directors Committee, or the chair's designee;
- N. The chair of the Louisiana House of Representatives Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, or the chair's designee;
- O. The chair of the Louisiana State Senate Judiciary B Committee; or the chair's designee;
- P. The chair of the Louisiana House of Representatives Special Committee on Louisiana Homeland Security, or the chair's designee;
- Q. The chair of the Louisiana State Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security, or the chair's designee;
- R. One (1) representative of the Louisiana Broadband Advisory Council, selected from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by the Louisiana Broadband Advisory Council; and
- S. One (1) representative from each of the nine regional interoperable communications working groups as established in Section 5 of this Order.

SECTION 7: The chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the governor from the membership of the Committee. All other officers, if any, shall be elected by and from the membership of the Committee.

SECTION 8: The Committee shall meet at regularly scheduled intervals and at the call of the chair. The Committee's membership as outlined in Section 6(R) of this Order shall not be considered as part of a quorum until such time as the regional workgroup is duly constituted and selects its representative.

SECTION 9: Committee members shall not receive additional compensation or a per diem from the Office of the Governor for serving on the Committee. However, such Committee members shall be entitled to reasonable and necessary travel expenses consistent with travel allowances for state classified employees as provided in the latest Policy and Procedure Memorandum (PPM 49) and approved by the chair, if funding becomes available.

SECTION 10: Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Committee shall be provided by departments and/or agencies which form the membership of the Committee.

SECTION 11: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate

with the Committee in implementing the provisions of this Order.



SECTION 12: Executive Order No. KBB 2006-4, issued on January 25, 2006, is hereby terminated and rescinded.

SECTION 13: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 31st day of March, 2006.

/S/ Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

/S/ Al Ater
SECRETARY OF STATE